GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY TO STATES
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government for increasing the subsidy being given to the States for setting up of flowing water units and construction of ponds under the Centrally Sponsored Development of freshwater aquaculture scheme is under consideration;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken decision in this regard;

(c) if so, the date of the decision and the extent of subsidy increased under it; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) : The Scheme for Development of Freshwater Aquaculture has been revised as per decision of Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) meeting heldon 24.6.2000. From the financial year 2000-2001, the subsidy on approved components is shared between Government of India and State Governments/UTson 75:25 basis instead of earlier pattern of 50:50 basis. The unit cost of various inputs such as construction of new ponds and tanks in beneficiaries own land with proper screened inlet, outlet and shallow tubewells, reclamation/renovation of ponds and tanks and for running water fish culture component a subsidy of Rs.20,000/- is provided for a unit of 100 sq. meter. The above cost is inclusive of Rs.4,000/- towards inputs. Subsidy is provided @ 20% with a maximum ceiling of Rs.4,000/- unit for all farmers except SCs/STs for whom it is Rs.5000/unit (25%).Maximum ceiling is 3 units for each farmer in terms of admissibility of grant.

(d): Does not arise.